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Distribution: To all Licensed Plumbers and Authorized Persons

Dear Sirs,

WSD Circular Letter No. 2/2021 Adjustment to the Annual Average Total Commuted Demerit Points for Under-performed Licensed Plumbers under the Penalty and Demerit Point System

Under the Penalty and Demerit Point System (PDPS) promulgated via WSD Circular Letter No. 8/2019, the Licensing Authority (LA) would make an assessment of the performance of each LP in January every year based on the total penalty and demerit points received by him/her under the plumbing projects completed in the prior year. One penalty point would be commuted as 2 demerit points for the purpose of the performance assessment. An LP who received an annual average total commuted demerit points (including the demerit points commuted from penalty points) of "18 or above" would be regarded as an under-performer. The performance of under-performers would be subjected to regular review by Water Supplies Department (WSD).

ADJUSTMENT TO CRITERION FOR UNDER-PERFORMER

2. The LA conducted an assessment in early 2021 on the performances of LPs with plumbing projects completed in 2020, and found that over 99% of LPs could already achieve annual average total commuted demerit points lower than 18 hence not



classified as under-performers. To strive for continuous improvement, the LA considered it suitable to raise the bar. After consulting the Advisory Board on Licensing of Plumbers and Technical Committee on Plumbing, the LA has decided to adjust the criterion for under-performer from an annual average total commuted demerit points of "18 or above" to "10 or above".

EFFECTIVE DATE

3. The adjusted criterion for under-performer (i.e. annual average total commuted demerit points of "10 or above") as mentioned in paragraph 2 above will apply to the LA's performance assessment of all plumbing projects completed/to be completed on or after 1 January 2021.

ENQUIRY

4. Should you have any enquiry, please contact our Engineer/Technical Support(2) at telephone no. 2829 4484.

Yours faithfully,

(Original signed)

(Roger WONG)

for Water Authority

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The Association of Registered Fire Service Installation Contractors of Hong Kong Limited

Real Estate Developers Association of Hong Kong

Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education

Hong Kong Institute of Construction, Construction Industry Council

The Hong Kong Construction Association, Ltd

Hong Kong General Building Contractors Association Ltd

The Hong Kong Federation of Electrical & Mechanical Contractors Ltd

Contractor's Authorised Signatory Association Ltd

Registered Minor Works Contractor Signatory Association Ltd

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